

If Your Dreams Take Off and Fly



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For Oliver, William and Lara



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When the night is very dark
And the moon is shining high,
Let your dreams take to the skies
Like a dancing butterfly.



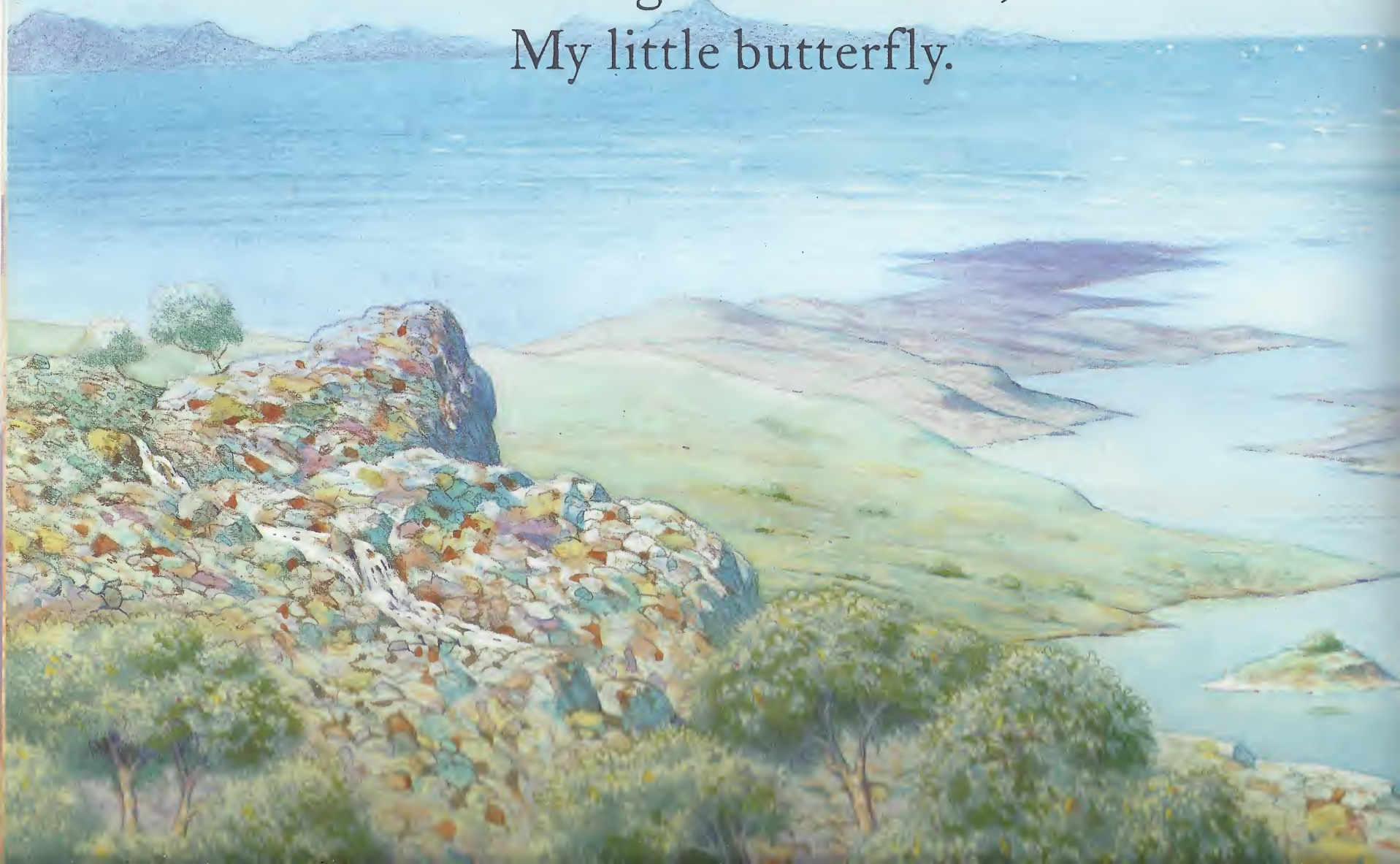


You will travel to a place
Where koalas you will see,
And kangaroos and platypuses
Running wild and free.





Then you'll leave them all behind
As you flutter to the sky,
Looking for adventure,
My little butterfly.





Out across the oceans,
Watching whales as you pass by,
With all the world beneath you,
Your dreams go flying high.







Then floating over icebergs,
Where the icy, cold winds blow,
You'll see penguins as they huddle,
Finding shelter in the snow.



And when you reach the desert,
Where warm winds blow the sand,



There'll be a baby camel
Trotting out across the land.



Over grasslands and full rivers
You'll be floating in your dream,
While a family of hippos
Will be playing by a stream.





Drifting over forests,
As swallows swoop so fast,




A squirrel and a dormouse
Will watch as you glide past.




Then, flitting one last time
In the yellow setting sun,





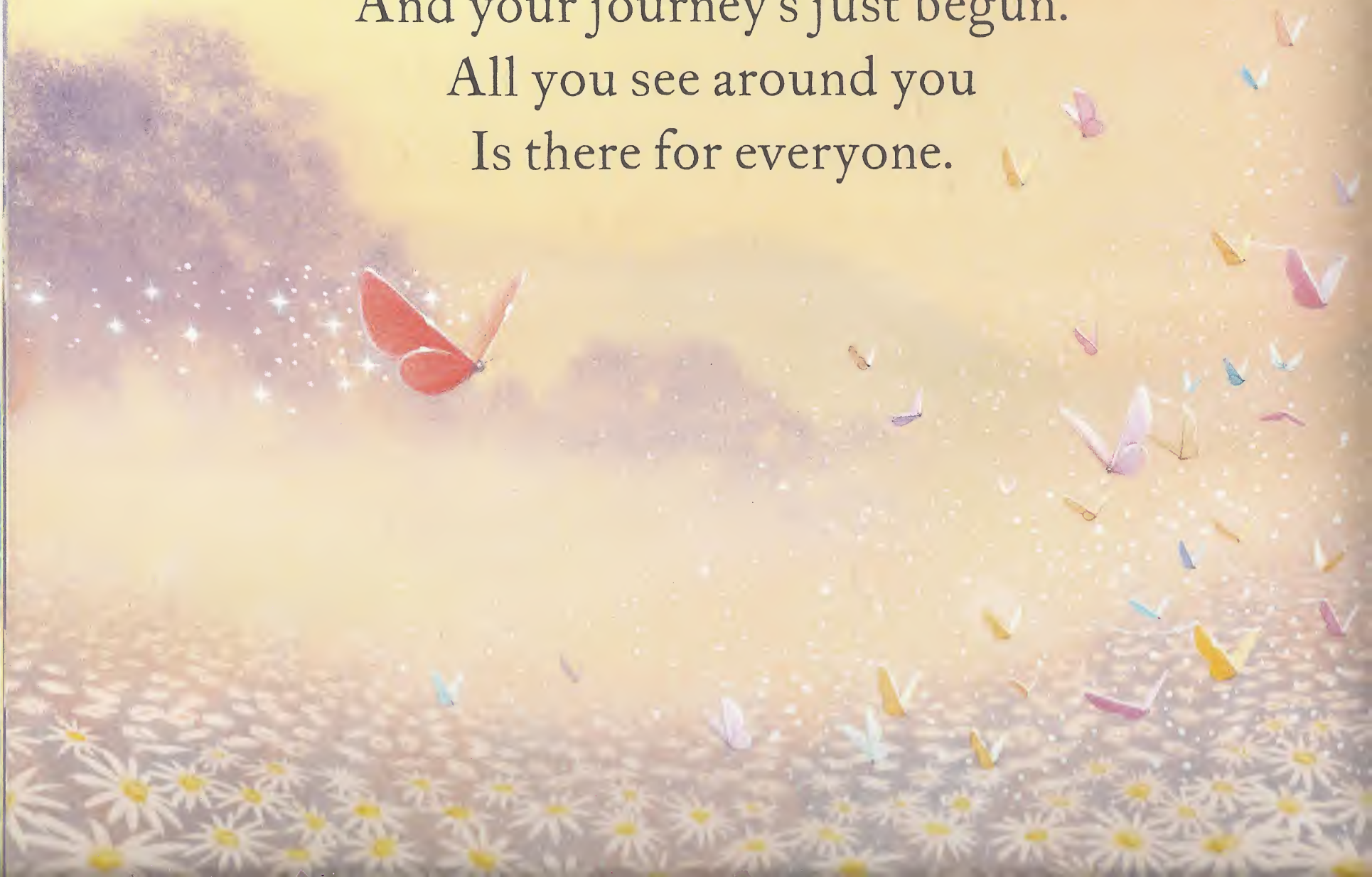
You'll hear the sound of songbirds
As their lullaby is sung.

The background of the page is a soft, painterly illustration. In the foreground, a field of white daisies with yellow centers stretches across the bottom. Behind the flowers, a misty or foggy landscape unfolds, showing the silhouettes of trees and a path that leads into the distance. The upper right corner is dominated by a large, bright yellow sun, from which several small, white, star-like sparkles emanate, adding a magical or ethereal quality to the scene.

You will see so many things
And you will realize why,
Like you, this world is precious,
My little butterfly.



Our world is full of wonder
And your journey's just begun.
All you see around you
Is there for everyone.






And now it's time to sleep,
But remember, if you try,
Anything can happen
If your dreams take off and fly.







*When the night is very dark
And the moon is shining high,
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Like a dancing butterfly.*

As a little boy drifts off to sleep one night,
his dreams take him on an adventure
around the world.

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